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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: All Department and School Fiscal Officers  
FROM: Clifford B. Edwards, Director  
DATE: April 6, 2001  
SUBJECT: **FISCAL 2001 YEAR-END PROCEDURES**

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I. **FIXED ASSETS FOR YEAR-END**

The end of the fiscal year is rapidly approaching. All fixed asset skeletons and any additional fixed assets must be entered and processed in DFMS no later than **4:30 on Monday, June 25, 2001**. If you need any assistance or have any questions about entering the fixed assets into DFMS, contact your State Accountant.

**IMPORTANT** - If you have not recently taken a physical inventory of your fixed assets you should plan to do so between **now** and **June 25, 2001**. You should use your monthly "**Fixed Asset Inventory By Location Report**" when taking your physical inventory. Any differences discovered should be adjusted for and recorded in the Fixed Asset System as soon as possible.

Due to accounting changes promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), agencies and school districts will be held more accountable for their fixed assets than in the past. With the implementation of GASB 34, fixed assets will become a more intricate part of the financial statements, and more than likely, receive a greater amount of attention from the auditors than in the past. (see "*Fixed Assets*," Accounting Memorandum #00-11, April 7, 2000)

II. **DOCUMENT CUT-OFF**

A. **Report of Cash Receipts and Deposits (Form CR)**

Fiscal 2001 revenue for the State of Delaware includes all monies deposited through the close of business on Saturday June 30, 2001. All FY 2001 deposits must be

accounted for on the Report of Cash Receipts (Form CR) which is to be delivered to the State Treasurer's Office by **12:00 noon Tuesday, July 3, 2001, without exception.**

**NOTE: The State Treasurer's Office will be open on Saturday, June 30, and the system will be available to enter CR documents. Please avail yourself of this service.**

**OMS:** OMS agencies must prepare and submit manually prepared CR's for their Friday, June 29 deposits in order to meet the Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> cut-off.

As of June 15, 2001, please be current with submission of all your CR's. Also please make arrangements for personal delivery of all CR's during the last week in June. **DO NOT put any CR's in the State Mail after June 15, 2001.**

All deposits after the Saturday, June 30, 2001 bank closing are to be recorded as Fiscal 2002 revenue.

Remember, it is the **date deposited in the bank** which determines into which fiscal year the revenue falls. Therefore, it is extremely important that all monies be deposited daily, and that all 2001 monies received through June 30, 2001 be deposited by June 30, 2001 so they can be included in Fiscal 2001 revenues. If your agency is closed on Saturday, then your revenue for Fiscal Year 2001 will include your deposits through Friday, June 29, 2001.

B. Payment Vouchers (Form PV) - Over \$2,500

Friday, June 22, 2001, will be the last day for acceptance of payment vouchers over \$2,500. However, those payments allowing a **discount** or legitimate **emergencies** will be processed in the normal manner. All other such payments should be kept, entered, and processed on Monday, July 9, 2001. The document transaction date **must** be July 9, 2001 or later.

C. Purchase Orders (Form PO) - Over \$2,500

Regular purchase orders for Fiscal 2001 goods and services must be in the Division of Accounting by Friday, June 8. However, legitimate Fiscal 2001 purchase orders having the specific approval of Cliff Edwards, Director, Division of Accounting, and received in the Division of Accounting by **12:00 noon** June 29, will be accepted.

Care should be exercised in reviewing and adjusting all purchase orders to be sure that the balances carried over are only enough to cover the obligations for goods and services to be received in Fiscal 2001. Therefore, review your Weekly Schedule of Encumbrances very carefully. Adjust your purchase order balances to the minimum amount needed. Send appropriate EA (Encumbrance Adjustment) or PO (Purchase

Order) Modification forms to the Division of Accounting by **12:00 noon** on June 25, 2001.

For those agencies and schools that are using the Super Card for purchases under \$2,500.01, remember to encumber those payments that are to be paid out of General Funds

On final payment vouchers paid in June, mark "F" (**final**) so that the purchase order is liquidated.

The Schedule of Encumbrances report of June 30 will not be subject to your review before being carried over into next year. Therefore, carefully check your balances and keep track of your purchase orders in June. To help you, use your **Weekly Schedule of Encumbrance Report and the Appropriation/Suspense (APSF) table (DFMS Informational Memorandum #90-9)**.

Remember, all General Fund and Special Fund PO's carried over into FY 2002 retain their same coding strip (except for agencies which are being reorganized). For General Funds, the Appropriation Type (not part of the coding strip) will change to designate 03 and 04 appropriations.

D. PV's and PO's - \$2,500 or less

All POs and PVs of \$2,500.00 and under must be processed by 8:00 a.m., June 29, 2001. Check your Suspense File to make sure all documents will be cleared by the nightly processing on June 28, 2001. The Division of Accounting will delete any documents remaining on the Suspense File on June 29, 2001.

**Note:** All applicable purchase orders, encumbrance adjustments, and payment vouchers must be in the hands of the Division of Accounting by 12:00 noon Thursday, June 28, 2001. Cash Adjustments (CA's) may be processed through Friday, June 29, 2001.

Intergovernmental Voucher (IV) documents for postage, fleet rental, telephone, graphics & printing and Super Card bills for the month of June 2001 are to be processed before June 29, 2001, in the current fiscal year. Agencies should ensure that purchase order line balances are sufficient to cover these charges.

No agency will be permitted to accumulate documents. Documents must be processed daily. Documents noted above put into the mail or pony express and received after June 28 will be considered next year's work. Therefore, you may have to make special arrangements for personal delivery to be sure documents are here by the appropriate due date.

III. **ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS**

We plan to close out May on Tuesday, June 5, 2001. To help you keep track of your transactions in June, we will continue to provide Weekly Budgetary Activity and Schedule of Encumbrances. It is most important that these reports be used to reconcile immediately any differences between the reports and your agency's records. Please call the Division of Accounting immediately if any differences are detected.

**IMPORTANT** - Please use the new **Report of Reconciliation** (Attachment "A") to advise the Director of Accounting you have reconciled all your transactions and reports for FY 2001. All agencies must have their year-end reconciliations in to the Director no later than Friday, July 20, 2001.

IV. **AUTOMATIC LAPSING OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

All appropriation type 04 purchase order balances for Fiscal Year 2001 **and** type 30 Fiscal 2000 Encumbrances will be lapsed **without exception** on June 30, 2001. Also, **any** PO that had no activity during FY 2001 will be lapsed as of June 30, 2001 (excluding FY 2001 PO's).

V. **TRAVEL ADVANCES**

All travel advances for this fiscal year **must** be closed out by **12:00 noon** Wednesday, June 27, 2001 unless specifically approved by the Director, Division of Accounting. Failure to do so can result in a suspension of travel advances for your agency.

VI. **PETTY CASH FUNDS - GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS**

All petty cash accounts can remain open at June 30, 2001. Agencies can choose to close their petty cash accounts at their option.

VII. **CANCELED VENDOR AND PAYROLL CHECKS**

All Fiscal 2001 canceled vendor and payroll checks must be in the Treasurer's Office by Friday, June 15, 2001. Any Fiscal 2001 canceled checks after this date must be held and submitted in Fiscal 2002. Any canceled checks from the period of January to May must be submitted by June 8, 2001.

VIII. **ANNUAL SALARY FIELD ON THE ACR**

Merit agencies are requested to verify the annual salary field on the ACR and make any necessary correction to that field by Friday, June 22, 2001, the date that the June 30, 2001 ACRs are scheduled to be returned to Central Payroll for processing. The annual salary field is used in the calculation of the Merit Pay increase and **must be** correct.

IX. **FISCAL 2001/2002 APPR. ACCOUNT CONVERSIONS & SET-UPS**

The automatic conversion and set-up of the FY 2002 appropriation accounts will be as follows:

**General Funds:**

- A. Appropriation types 01 & 02 will be set up pursuant to the Budget and Supplemental appropriations passed for FY 2002.
- B. Type 03 appropriations will be designated based on an authorized reversion date later than June 30, 2001.
- C. Type 04 will be assigned to all General Fund accounts that have encumbrances outstanding at June 30, 2001 with an end date of June 30, 2001 or earlier.
- D. The FY 2002 type 03 and 04 appropriations will have all prior year amounts reduced to zero--except for the appropriation amount. This means that the appropriation amount shown for type 03 will be the sum of the encumbrances plus the unencumbered balance. The appropriation amount for type 04 will be the amount of the carryover encumbrances.

**Special Funds:**

- A. Appropriation types 20 and 30 will be handled as follows:
  - 1. If the appropriation end date is later than June 30, 2001, the account continues in its June 30, 2001 status. There are no conversions.
  - 2. If the appropriation end date is June 30, 2001 or earlier and:
    - a. there are no encumbrances or unencumbered balances, then the appropriation will be deleted.
    - b. there is an outstanding encumbrance and no unencumbered balance, the account will remain in its June 30, 2001 status.
    - c. there is an unencumbered balance, a new FY 2002 appropriation account will be established, and the unencumbered balance will be automatically transferred from the old account to the FY 2002 account. (Note: All encumbrances will remain with the old account. Only the unencumbered balances will be transferred. If the old account does not have any encumbrances, the old account will be deleted after transferring the unencumbered balance to the new account.)
- B. Appropriation type 40 will remain unchanged.

**Except**, if the end date has passed and there are no encumbrances and no unexpended balance on APPR; and, no encumbrances and the end date has passed on DEFA (Department Federal Aid Table) for the matching SAI (State Application Identifier) -- then the appropriation will be deleted.

- C. Appropriation type 50 will remain unchanged.

**Except**, if the end date has passed and there are no encumbrances or unexpended balance, then the appropriation will be deleted.

**Miscellaneous:**

- A. Those agencies involved in budget structure reorganization will automatically have their appropriation codes converted to the new organization structure. Additional instructions will be forthcoming if applicable to you.
- B. Agencies should review all of their appropriation end dates prior to the year-end conversion. Contact your Budget Analyst to request any change to appropriation end dates.
- C. Payroll codings of employees for the July 13, 2001 paychecks will be automatically changed according to the above rules.

X. **FISCAL 2002 START-UP**

Except as noted below, data entry and acceptance of all Fiscal 2002 documents is scheduled to begin Monday, July 9, 2001. Agencies that upload transactions to the DFMS Suspense File must be sure that FY 2002 transactions are dated July 1, 2001.

Beginning June 1, 2001, we will begin accepting Fiscal 2002 purchase orders which meet all of the following requirements:

- 1. The purchase order **must** be for goods or services required prior to July 9. That is, the agency requires the purchase order to be issued in order to maintain necessary operations at the very start of the fiscal year, so as to avoid "after-the-fact" purchase orders. (Purchase orders not required to maintain services should be held and submitted July 9 as above.)
- 2. All such required purchase orders must have stapled to the upper left hand corner of the batch ticket a yellow "Next Fiscal Year" form. (If you require this form, please contact the mail desk at 744-1051.) For FY 2002 documents, code BFY (Budget Fiscal Year) as 2002 for all General Fund Type 01 accounts, and date the transaction July 1, 2001. These early entries will produce error screen messages.

3. Purchase orders must be batched and in separate envelopes from Fiscal 2001 work. Agencies must use the Batch numbering formats as described in DFMS Memorandum 88-11 dated March 7, 1988. Note that the batch for FY 2002 must commence with the number two (2).

**Note:** The IBU's (Internal Budget Units) and MBU's (Micro Budget Units) in the ORGN (Organization) table for FY2002 will contain only those IBU's and MBU's that have had expenditure or purchase order activity subsequent to June 30, 2000.

XI. **AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES - All Agencies and School Districts**

School districts should submit new signature cards as soon as new school boards are organized. Agencies should submit new signature cards as of July 1, 2001, only if changes have been made from what is currently on file. The agency head **MUST** sign with a **LIVE** signature to authorize signatures. Reference **29 Del. C. § 6512** and **6514** and State of Delaware Budget and Accounting Manual: Chapter VII page 1.

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Attachment

**ATTACHMENT "A"**

TO: Clifford B. Edwards, Director  
Division of Accounting

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPT: \_\_\_\_\_

DIV(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF RECONCILIATION - FY 2001**

**IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*ACTION IS REQUIRED**

I certify that **ALL** transactions that were entered into **DFMS** for **FY 2001** have processed correctly. Therefore, all Budgetary Activity, Unliquidated Encumbrances, Revenue Activity, and Federal Detail Reports for all appropriations have been reviewed and reconciled for the above Department/Division(s).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsible Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if applicable - ☐ **ALL** discrepancies are attached:

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDER\*\*\*\*\***

**THIS FORM IS DUE BY FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2001**

**PLEASE FAX TO 302-744-1045**